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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A Montana forest ranger has been killed for a deer.

French troops have repulsed an attack of tribesmen near Ain Sfa, Algeria.

The Japanese ambassador to France denies that his country is after another foreign loan.

Carnegie would base the issue of paper money on the gold reserve instead of government bonds.

The Northern Pacific railroad will reduce grain rates from Montana points to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Findlay, Ohio, was badly shaken by the explosion of a glycerine factory. Much property damage was sustained.

Hill told the Interstate Commerce commission that it means a loss of \$80 a car to keep the old lumber rate in effect.

Secretary Taft is having a rough passage across the Atlantic and his vessel will be a day or two late in reaching New York.

Goldfield mineowners have asked the government to dissolve the Western Federation of Miners and prosecute it as a treasonable.

Liquor men propose to fight river and harbor appropriations by congress for dry states. They say two-thirds of the national revenue is derived from the liquor business.

England has just been visited by a severe storm.

The Colorado State bank, of Durango, has suspended.

The revolutionary agitation is growing in Portugal.

The Yaqui Indians are again on the warpath in Mexico.

The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, will reopen.

Japan and Russia have combined to freeze China out of Manchuria.

The bridal gifts of Marshall Field's daughter were stolen in England.

The peace conference of the Central American republics has been concluded.

Scotchmen in London are again adopting the kilt as a regular wearing apparel.

The East has just experienced a great storm. Heavy snow fell and many wires are down.

Premiums are being offered for the new gold pieces without the motto "In God We Trust."

A petition to allow women to vote on municipal affairs in Paris was greeted with laughter by the council.

General Funston finds the Goldfield situation serious.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp says Indians are losing millions yearly in timber lands.

A house-to-house canvass at Monongah, W. Va., shows 18 still missing as a result of the mine disaster.

Plans are complete for re-organizing the Merchants' National bank at Portland and it is expected to open soon.

District Attorney Langdon, of San Francisco, also admits that the evidence of Ruel will be required to convict Calhoun.

The American Can company has control of the Pacific coast, having absorbed the United Can company, of San Francisco.

Goldfield mineowners have withdrawn their new scale and opened negotiations with the American Federation of Labor. The object seems to be to get this organization into a fight with the Western Federation of Miners.

D. L. Anderson, president of the Fochow university, who has just returned to this country, says China is on the eve of a bloody revolution that will mark her entrance into the parliament of the world as a power to be reckoned with.

The campaign against rats is being kept up vigorously in San Francisco.

The Michigan state treasurer is to be removed for putting funds in a rotten bank.

The great fleet of warships is all ready to start on its voyage to the Pacific.

The presence of General Funston at Goldfield is believed to have a good effect.

Brisol's nomination has been withdrawn from the senate as district attorney for Oregon.

Queen Carola, of Saxony, is dying.

Mrs. Longworth has undergone an operation for appendicitis, but there is no fear of the results.

Kuropatkin has taken the witness stand in behalf of Stoenel and the general stands a better chance of being cleared.

Two mail pouches containing valuable packages were stolen from the Omaha postoffice, and no trace of them has been found.

ROOSEVELT AS A SAINT.

Russian Peasants Worship Picture of President

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Americans think a great deal of President Theodore Roosevelt, but it has been reserved for the Russian peasants settled in Eastern Siberia to reverence the well known picture, which shows the gleam of teeth, as that of a saint. That they do so is asserted to be a fact by Alexander G. Denbigh, who arrived on the steamer Siberia, and is now staying at the St. Francis hotel.

"The people there are of the lowest class of Russian peasants, and know nothing about the outside world," said Denbigh. "In every house, no matter how poor it may be, there is sure to be an icon of some kind, and if it is possible for the owner of the place, he also has a picture of a saint."

"The picture of our president has gone over the world, and can be found in many queer places. I remember asking one of my men from the Ural mountain district, who had never heard of Roosevelt, what picture he had in his tent. He at once told me that it was one of St. Peter—without the beard and with eyes on. Curious to see such a picture, I went to the hut and found that it was a chromo of the president of the United States. The man assured me that he had the best of good fortune since he had obtained the picture of the 'holy saint.'"

MEXICO'S ANNUAL EXPENSE

What It Costs to Conduct Affairs of Southern Republic.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—In congress yesterday the report of the minister of finance was read and the budget for this coming year was made public. The estimated receipts for the coming year total \$103,355,000, while the expenditures will reach \$103,203,842, leaving an estimated surplus of \$151,158. The total increase of this year's budget is \$6,595,275, the largest item in the increase being for \$1,367,589 for maintenance of the department of war.

The revenues for the fiscal year just ended total \$114,082,000, the expenditures \$100,208,132, leaving a surplus of \$14,077,868. The surplus of the previous year, \$29,049,081, and the falling off of the past year, was due to large sums spent in public works—\$17,208,608. Minister Limantour maintained that the recent crisis in the United States would make itself felt in the coming year in Mexico, in that investments would be curtailed. Interest rates are higher, but this would only affect mining industries. He believed that in the end it would work for good rather than evil.

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS.

Committee Making Contributions to Be Sent to Monongah.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The permanent relief committee, headed by Governor Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, today prepared an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country. Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee, looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

The appeal says that fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. As near as can be determined, \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. The committee feels that a total of \$200,000 will be required to carry on the relief work. All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va.

Rich Oil Strike.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 17.—A telephone message from Santa Maria, 50 miles north of here, brought the information this afternoon that the Union Oil company had struck a wonderful gusher which threw a vast stream of petroleum over the derrick and continued to flow at the rate of 7,000 barrels a day. At the present price of oil this means \$2,500 a day from this one well. This is the second largest gusher ever struck in California. The largest was struck in California, but it has since declined considerably.

Still in Race for Senate.

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—A special from Des Moines, Iowa, says that Governor Cummins, of Iowa, referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said: "I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in other states. I do not intend to do anything that will take me out of the race for senator."

Fiat Money Saves Life.

San Rafael, Cal., Dec. 17.—Stewart Dunbar, a prominent insurance broker of Honolulu, while on his way to meet a party of friends last night, fell through a cattle guard on the narrow gauge tracks of the Northwestern Pacific railroad and caught his foot so that he would have been crushed to death beneath an approaching headcar had he not ignited a clearing house certificate and used it for a danger signal.

Forty Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 17.—The gale along the British coast on Friday and Saturday, which was described by Captain Jamieson, of the steamship St. Louis, as the worst in his experience, subsided yesterday. It was responsible for the loss of some 40 lives.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

DAIRYMEN MEET.

Successful Two-Day Convention Held in Portland.

Portland—The most important meeting of dairymen ever held in the state of Oregon was that which convened last Thursday and Friday in Woodmen of the World hall, on Eleventh street, when the Oregon State Dairy association held its deliberations. The convention hall was crowded at both days' sessions with delegates and others interested in the development of the dairy industry. The hall in the basement of the Woodmen building, in which dairy products and the most approved dairy machinery were displayed, attracted large crowds.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday by President E. T. Judd, of the association. Tom Richardson, of the Commercial club, welcomed the delegates to Portland on behalf of that organization. In responding to the address of welcome President Judd thanked the Commercial club for its reception and its efforts in making this meeting of the association a successful one. The speaker referred to the important position dairying in this state has reached in the last few years, and said that this was the first time in the history of the state that the dairy industry had received the recognition its importance should command and would fully pay the cost of promotion. Papers were read by prominent dairymen and others from all parts of the state.

WANT BRAND ON ALL SHODDY

Woolgrowers Working for Protection of the Industry.

Pendleton—In accordance with one of the resolutions passed at the recent convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, the secretary has sent to the Oregon congressional delegation a request for an act compelling the branding of manufactured goods and clothing, the object being to protect the public from shoddy and cotton counterfeits of woolen goods. The pure food law is cited as an example that it is right for the government to protect the people from frauds, counterfeits and adulterations of all kinds.

Another resolution passed at the same time calls for the retention of the import duty on wool, woolen fabrics, hides, meat and meat animals, with the object of continuing the present prosperous condition of the wool and livestock industry.

Men Do More Work.

Klamath Falls, J. D. Church, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific, has just returned from the end of the California Northeastern railway and states that the 350 men now at work for Ericson & Peterson, the contractors, are doing more work than the 1,100 men they were working last summer. The grade between Bray and the first townsite, Mount Hebron, is about completed, and Mount Hebron may remain the terminus of the road for this winter. However, as Dorris is only 13 miles distant from Mount Hebron and the grade very easy, that town may be the terminus.

Embryo Farmers Interested.

Albany—Linn county school children are taking great interest in the new subject of agriculture, the teaching of which was begun this fall. No experiment work has yet been begun in this county, but in the seventh and eighth grades in all the schools of the county one recitation each day is required in an agricultural text book. Reports received by County School Superintendent Jackson state that probably greater interest is manifested in this study than in any other branch.

Water Reaches Hermiston.

Hermiston—Water in the distributing system of the government project has reached Hermiston. A good flow in the A line heralded the coming of water for irrigation next season and activities under the Umatilla government reclamation project are under full headway. The water traversed the big feed canal a distance of 26 miles to the reservoir gate, where it was turned through what is known as the by-pass into the distributing system of ditches.

November Ideal Month.

Burns—November was a month of ideal fall weather in Harney. There were two flurries of snow, on November 16 and 23, but they were followed by pleasant sunshine and the snow disappeared in a few days. There has been a great deal of fall plowing done and the amount of winter wheat sown this year is double that of any year in the history of the county.

B. F. Mulkey Has Resigned.

Ashland—Announcement has been made at the state normal school here that President B. F. Mulkey would retire from the institution on January 1 and will engage in the law and abstract business at Jacksonville as a partner in the Jackson County Abstract company, which maintains offices at Ashland and Medford and will open one at Jacksonville.

Timber Made to Pay Tax.

Oregon City—The assessed valuation of Clackamas county property is very close to \$13,000,000. The figure was made public by County Assessor Nelson, who has made an increase of about \$2,500,000 over the valuation of last year. This increase is all on the property of the big corporations and on timber lands.

WANTS ANOTHER ROAD.

Southern Oregon Hopes for Lessened Rates in Competition.

Grants Pass—The announcement through the press that Moffatt & White are about to extend the Oregon Electric line through Rogue River valley has been received here with the greatest satisfaction. It has been the dream of the citizens that some day another transportation company would find its way into the valley.

The annulling of trains 11 and 12 by the Southern Pacific company has aroused the people to greater activity and to stand ready to offer an inducement to a competing line. The resources from the mills and mines and the products of the field have been carried for years by one railroad company, with charges running up into thousands of dollars.

Want Graduates for Teachers.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The University of Oregon is experiencing the largest demand in its history for graduates, both men and women, to take principalships and positions as teachers in the high schools of the state. Of the fifty-two members of last year's class, twenty are teaching in the high schools and colleges of Oregon and the Northwest, and the demand was much larger than the supply. At the present time there are a number of positions vacant because there is no one available who is adequately prepared to take them. The University would be able next year to place as teachers some forty or fifty men and women, if its graduating class furnished that number. The class of 1908 now numbers about sixty members.

New Road is Under Way.

Grants Pass—The government is making good progress under the direct supervision of the local forestry service, in extending a road down Rogue river into Curry county. This particular stretch of road will open up a wide latitude of country rich in mineral and prolific of the best marketable pine. When this work has been completed, 10 per cent of the proceeds will be diverted to the school fund, thus increasing the permanent means of keeping up schools. About \$5,000 has been appropriated to be used in developing the highway, and it is expected that congress will set aside \$5,000 more to be used on this project.

Electric Line Great Boon.

Freewater—The month of November was a record breaker on the Walla Walla Valley Traction company's line. They hauled out of this city over 90 cars loaded with hay, apples and canned fruit. These cars were all for points on the Northern Pacific railway. The apple crop has been excellent this year and every apple of any account has been marketed. The second-class apples were disposed of to the Freewater cannery. The total value of the fruit crop in this vicinity is estimated at \$500,000.

Request Railway Service.

Salem—A large number of farmers and shippers residing between Tillamook and Shelburn, in Linn county, have complained to the railroad commission because the Southern Pacific has abandoned its train service between the two towns named. The complaint recites that traffic was abandoned because a bridge washed out about a year ago. The farmers want the commission to order the railroad company to renew the service.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, \$2@83c; bluestem, \$4@85c; valley, \$2@83c; red, \$2@81c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29; gray, \$29. Barley—Feed, \$27.50; brewing, \$31; rolled, \$30.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@23; clover, \$15; chest, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@82 per box; peaches, 75c@81 per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$9.50@12 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1. per sack; beans, 7@9c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@81c; celery, \$4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per sack; parsley, 20c per sack; peas, 1c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 60c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 13 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box.

Onions—\$1.75@2 per cwt. Potatoes—40@60c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$2.25@2.50 per cwt.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2@35c per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8 1/2c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6 1/2c; packers, 6@6 1/2c. Poultry—Average old hens, 11 1/2c; 12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@11 1/2c; spring chickens, 10 1/2@11c; roasters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 17@18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 37 1/2c per dozen. Hops—1907, 5@7c per pound; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

RATE CASE HEARING.

Lumbermen Tell Troubles to Interstate Commission.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Two Oregon millmen yesterday testified before the Interstate Commerce commission that when it was rumored that the rate on Pacific coast lumber was to be advanced they saw R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the O. R. & N., and told him the increase would drive them out of Denver, Kansas City and Chicago territory. Mr. Miller is reported to have replied that the new rates were experimental, and if the trade would stand them they would be maintained, but if not satisfactory, the rates would be restored to the old figures. It was his opinion as well as Mr. Harriman's, that lumbermen were extremely prosperous, and that their large contracts justified the raise.

Later, when the subject was broached to James J. Hill by the Puget sound millmen, Mr. Hill lost his temper and retorted that, while many mills had been driven to bankruptcy already, still others would be wiped out before the commission could dispose of this case.

"We are going to give you people out there a chance to cool your heels," he declared as he turned away.

Mr. Hill, Howard Elliott, J. C. Stubbs, J. M. Hannaford and many other railroad men will be placed on the stand before the hearing closes.

WORK IS RESUMED.

No Trouble at Goldfield When Non-union Men Take Charge.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 13.—The first day of the attempt to re-open the mines of Goldfield without the aid of the Western Federation of Miners has passed, and there has not been a single instance of attempted violence or disorder in the camp. Unarmed pickets of the Goldfield miners union have approached as close to the scene of the operations as the armed guards of the Mineowners' association would permit and have succeeded in inducing some of those who had signed the agreement to return to work, to violate that agreement and leave the mines.

It was stated last night that the leaders of the strike have secured what evidence they want to prosecute some of the mining operators under a statute of the state of Nevada, which makes it a crime punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 nor more than 180 days, or both, to require an employee to promise or agree not to become a member or remain a member of any labor organization. Arrests may be expected at any time, it is stated by some, while others characterize the whole report of probable arrest as a bluff.

MEET IN DENVER.

National Democratic Convention is Called for July 7, 1908.

Washington, Dec. 13.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the Democratic National committee late yesterday entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000, offered by Denver for the convention than is actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton, of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for the convention, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 14.

Mr. Clayton, Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, all spoke in favor of the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Taggart advocated the acceptance of the \$100,000, saying it would be needed now even worse than it was needed in 1904, and that at that time it would have been practically impossible to open headquarters for Judge Parker if the committee had not had the extra money secured from St. Louis, where the convention was held.

Bodies Are Washed Away.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—Owing to the high water in the Susquehanna river and the terrible force of the current, no attempt was made today to recover the bodies of the seven men drowned yesterday when the Millville bridge collapsed. The water rose rapidly until noon, when it began to subside. With the flood as it is at present any attempt to recover the bodies would be futile, and probably nothing can be done in that connection for several days. All of the seriously injured are expected to recover.

Roosevelt Sends Commemoration.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Assistant Secretary Murray, of the department of Commerce and Labor, Commissioner Charles P. Neill and Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, left Washington at 5 o'clock this afternoon for Goldfield, Nev., to make a thorough investigation of the trouble between the miners and mine operators at that place. Mr. Murray and Mr. Smith made this announcement after a conference with President Roosevelt.

Massachusetts Goes "Dry."

Boston, Dec. 13.—All but one of the 354 cities and towns of the state have gone on record on the question of permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors, and tabulation shows a no-license majority in Massachusetts of over 15,000.

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